



Chris Danou's Capitol Report

Special Session on Jobs: An Opportunity to Work across the Isle

Last week, Governor Walker announced the legislature would return for a Special Session on Job Creation. During this special session, the legislature will take up almost two dozen bills related to job creation, including some bills authored by Democrats. The bills we will be taking up focus on business and agricultural loan guarantees and investments, tax credits, employee benefits and worker training programs. With recent problems in our state economy, I believe the top priority for Republicans and Democrats in the Wisconsin State Legislature should be working together to create jobs and get people back to work.

We have seen unprecedented times this year in Wisconsin. Our state has become a hotbed of partisan politics that is simply not the Wisconsin I know and remember or the Wisconsin I want my children to grow up in. Through collaboration and bipartisan efforts, I am confident the legislature can accomplish things that will benefit all Wisconsinites – Republican or Democrat.

When I was first asking for your vote as a candidate for Assembly back in 2008, I promised to be bipartisan and work in collaboration with my colleagues. I believe that if we make a conscious effort to work together, we can do great things for this state, beginning with job creation. We simply cannot afford to let partisan differences get in the way of things that matter to Wisconsin families.

Making sure people have good paying jobs so they can pay their mortgage and contribute to our local economy is a bipartisan issue. Western Wisconsin depends on people being able to purchase goods, products and services in their community. Having quality schools to educate and prepare our children to enter the workforce and become responsible citizens is a bipartisan issue. Our schools are at the center of our communities in Western Wisconsin and we need to make sure they not only survive, but actually thrive for years to come. Ensuring our woodlands, grasslands and waterways are protected and remain clean for future generations is a bipartisan issue. Our natural resources help us create memories and promote a high quality of life that is unique to Western Wisconsin. These are the things that our communities and people across Wisconsin want to see now and in the future.

While some of my colleagues choose to focus on what divides us, I will continue to focus on what unites us here in Wisconsin. Job creation is a nonpartisan issue because it affects all Wisconsinites and requires Democrats and Republicans to reach across the aisle, work together and collaborate in a bipartisan manner. I welcome the Special Session on Job Creation - in fact I believe it is long past due. For the past nine months the majority party has focused on divisive issues that failed to stimulate our economy. In the coming weeks and months, I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to move our economy forward.